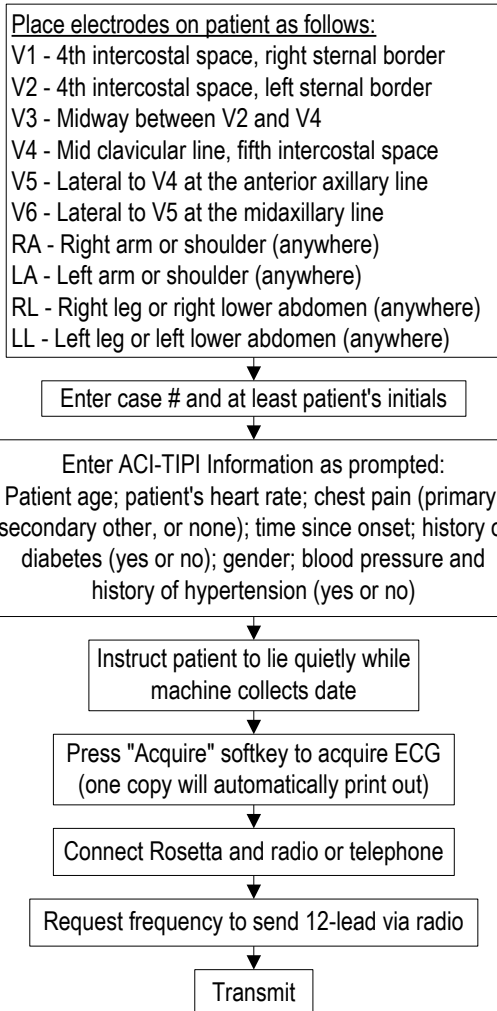


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
12-LEAD
ELECTROCARDIOGRAM**

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Purpose:	Indications:			
To obtain and transmit a diagnostic quality 12-lead electrocardiogram	Any patient experiencing symptoms of possible cardiac origin: chest pain; difficulty breathing; syncope; CHF; arrhythmia; palpitations; unexplained weakness, diaphoresis, or altered mental status; unexplained nausea in patients over 40; consider in patients with other complaints along with significant history of cardiac disease			
Advantages:	Disadvantages:	Complications:	Contraindications:	
Provides electrical view of all areas of the myocardium; Enables receiving hospital notification of STEMI arrival	None	None	None	



NOTES:

- Obtain the 12 lead at the earliest opportunity; standard is within 10 minutes.
- Do not delay administration of nitroglycerin to obtain a 12-lead ECG.